
Introduced by Senator Soto

February 21, 2003

An act relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 803, as introduced, Soto. Storm water management.

Under existing law, the State Water Resources Control Board and the California regional water quality control boards prescribe waste discharge requirements for the discharge of storm water by municipalities and industries in accordance with the federal national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permit program established by the Clean Water Act, and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature in subsequent amendments to establish a uniform means of effective compliance with storm water runoff requirements on a regional basis.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:
3 (1) Pollution prevention should be the first step in a hierarchy
4 for reducing pollution and managing wastes, and to achieve
5 environmental stewardship for society.
6 (2) The Legislature also recognizes the benefits of promoting
7 the adoption of uniform and cost-effective regional or watershed
8 approaches to addressing storm water runoff.

1 (3) Regional solutions such as best management practices
2 provide an alternative to managing and treating storm water
3 runoff.

4 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature in subsequent amendments
5 to establish a uniform means of effective compliance with storm
6 water runoff requirements on a regional basis.

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